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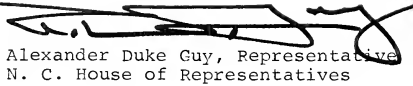

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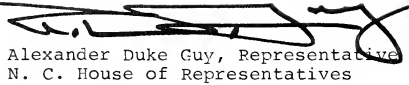

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INTRODUCTION

Chapter 930 (Senate Bill 629) of the 1981 Session Laws established a study commission to study commercial fishing licenses and shellfish leases. This bill is a result of three principle concerns, enumerated below, and voiced by members of the 1981 General Assembly.

(1) The laws concerning licensing of commercial fishing activities have not been materially changed since 1965;

(2) Many provisions of the laws concerning leasing of State-owned submerged lands for shellfish production have not been changed since 1893;

(3) Greater numbers of people now utilize the State's marine resources and conflicts arise more frequently due to incompatible uses of these resources.

As a result of these three principle concerns, the Marine Fisheries Study Commission was charged to study:

(1) the existing statutes concerning licensing of commercial fishing activities;

(2) the existing statutes concerning the leasing of State-owned submerged lands for the purposes of shellfish production;

(3) the need for additional laws to address problems arising out of conflicting uses of the State's marine resources; and

(4) such other matters relating to marine fisheries as it deems important.

The Commission was directed to make a report to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 1982, containing recommendations of the Commission as to the need for changes in existing statutes or administrative regulations or the need for new statutes or regulations. A sum of $8,000 for 1981-82 was appropriated to the Study Commission to cover all expenses other than those paid by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Membership of the Marine Fisheries Study Commission

Appointments by the Speaker
of the N. C. House of Representatives

Representative Alexander Duke Guy, Co-chairman
Jacksonville, N. C.

Representative Charles D. Evans
Manteo, N. C.

Representative G. Malcolm Fulcher, Jr.
Atlantic Beach, N. C.

Appointments by the President
Pro Tempore of the Senate

Senator Joseph E. Thomas, Co-chairman
Vanceboro, N. C.

Senator Melvin R. Daniels, Jr.
Elizabeth City, N. C.

Senator Harold W. Hardison
Deep Run, N. C.

Appointments by the Governor
of the State of North Carolina

Mr. Thomas Baum
Wanchese, N. C.

Mr. Rodney Cahoon
Beaufort, N. C.

Mr. James B. Moore
Southport, N. C.

* Mr. Jerry Gaskill
Cedar Island, N. C.

* The chairman of the Marine Fisheries Commission served in an ex officio capacity.

Commission Proceedings

The Commission held its first meeting (an organizational meeting) in Room 1124 of the Legislative Building in Raleigh, N. C. on January 13, 1982. Due to inclement weather, an overview of the N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries by Mr. Connell Purvis, Director, was rescheduled for a subsequent meeting. However, Mr. W. A. Raney, Jr., Special Deputy Attorney General for the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, presented a list of statutes the Commission might consider for possible changes. Attachment 1 is a list of those statutes.

Prior to the close of the first meeting, the Chairmen directed that a copy of Raney's list of statutes to consider changing and recommendations from the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development on the Marine Fisheries licensing package be mailed to Commission members and Fisheries Associations for review well in advance of the second meeting. The licensing package recommendations and Raney's comments were mailed on February 2, 1982. Attachment 2 is a copy of the packet and a list of Fisheries Associations to which the packet was mailed. The purpose of mailing the licensing package to Fisheries Associations in advance was to provide them the opportunity for input at all subsequent meetings.

The Commission's second, third, and fourth meetings were held in the coastal communities of Wilmington, New Bern, and Manteo on March 3, 4, and 10, 1982 respectively. Two sessions were held at each location from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to provide the public an opportunity to address the Study Commission on the proposed license fee increase or any matter under the Study Commission's purview. Advertisement of the Study Commission's coastal meetings was accomplished by mailing press releases to 120 newspapers, television, or radio stations in eastern North Carolina.

The format of the meetings permitted Mr. Connell Purvis, Director of the N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries, to present an overview of his Division's activities and a brief review of the proposed licensing package at each session. This assured public understanding of the proposed licensing package and the activities carried out by the Division of Marine Fisheries. In addition, the audience was asked to address the Study Commission by commenting on the licensing package and any other issue that was within the purview of the Study Commission.

With the exception of the New Bern sessions, the audience in attendance at all other meetings was overwhelmingly in opposition to the proposed licensing package and shellfish bottom lease recommendations. Approximately 75 people attended the meeting in Wilmington. The audience, though, was not keenly familiar with the licensing package or the shellfish bottom lease recommendations and, consequently, were strongly opposed to any type of fee increase. The turnout in New Bern was much lighter, 25 to 30 people, all very familiar with the proposals submitted by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. Fisheries Associations were well represented in New Bern. For the Manteo meeting, the Division of Marine Fisheries assisted the Marine Fisheries Study Commission by distributing notices of the meeting to all fish houses along the North Carolina coast. Consequently, the turnout was the heaviest of all meetings. Approximately 300 people attended the sessions in Manteo. Again, opposition to the proposals was overwhelming.

Upon completion of all coastal meetings, the Study Commission returned to Raleigh for a meeting on March 16, 1982, for what was to have been a workshop meeting in which final recommendations would be made to the 1982 General Assembly. Since numerous residents of coastal communities attended this meeting and asked to address the Study Commission, they were afforded an opportunity to do so. Because of the length of this meeting, nearly 5 hours, the Study Commission scheduled a final meeting for March 31, 1982, again with the intention of finalizing recommendations to the 1982 General Assembly. On March 31, 1982, after four hours of continuous debate on the proposals submitted by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, and other alternatives, the Commission failed to agree on any proposal recommended to the General Assembly.

Recommendations

The Study Commission held a total of six meetings, three in Raleigh and three in coastal communities. After much testimony from State officials, private citizens, and fisheries association representatives, the Commission could not agree on specific recommendations to make to the 1982 General Assembly. As indicated earlier, the Commission faced a very difficult dilemma. Most individuals addressing the Commission and in the audience were adamantly opposed to a fee increase. And yet, representatives of fisheries associations were very supportive of the efforts being undertaken by the Division of Marine Fisheries. However, no accurate figures on the number of fishermen represented by association representatives were available.

After meeting a sixth time on March 31 for four hours, the Commission simply ran out of time. It is felt, and hereby recommended, however, that more time is needed to study the issues specified in chapter 930 of the 1981 Sessions Laws and that this Study Commission be extended by the 1982 General Assembly with a reporting date to the 1983 General Assembly of January 10, 1983.

Attachment 1

State of North Carolina
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RUFUS L. EDMISTEN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fred Aikens
Sarah Fuerst

FROM: W. A. Raney, Jr. WARJr by DLO

RE: Marine Fisheries Study Commission

Pursuant to the request of the Commission at its initial meeting on January 12, 1982, I am providing the following list of statutes which, in my view, the Commission might want to look at for possible changes. As indicated at that meeting, the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and the Marine Fisheries Commission will be submitting extensive recommendations on licensing and leasing; therefore, I will not include in this memo any suggestions on the statutes which deal with these topics.

1. G.S. 113-136(d) - The provision which allows inspectors and protectors to arrest for "offenses evincing a flouting of their authority..." or "constituting a threat to public peace and order..." are somewhat subjective. Under such standards, inspectors and protectors may be unsure of their authority in any given situation. On the other hand these standards do provide inspectors and protectors arguable authority to engage in necessary law enforcement functions and probably would not cause problems if restraint and discretion are used by the officers. Serious traffic offenses, minor drug and alcohol offenses and the like would seem to arise most often.

2. G.S. 113-151.1 - A question has arisen as to whether a license agent can charge a licensee a fee for issuing a license. This could be clarified.

3. G.S. 113-152(a) (f) and G.S. 113-154(b) - These statutes together provide for a license for taking oysters and clams and provide an exception for taking small quantities. The exception

needs clarification. Also, it is my understanding that the no license exception of G.S.113-152(a) and (f), as it relates to oysters and clams (especially clams), may not realistically be related to non-commercial activity.

4. G.S. 113-163(e) - This is a recent amendment which was necessary for the State to enter into a cooperative statistics program with the U. S. National Marine Fisheries Service. It is probably broader than intended and raises questions about the confidentiality of basic license information such as boat ownership, length, license fees paid, etc. Most of the problems could probably be remedied by saying that information required on vessel license applications is not confidential.

5. G.S. 113-181 - Nowhere in the statutes is there a clear standard setting forth the legitimate scope of regulation by the Marine Fisheries Commission. It is clear that conservation and recreational and navigational safety are legitimate bases for regulation. There is an implication in G.S. 113-133 that regulations are justified to "reconcile competing interest" in fishery resources. In addition, most fishermen and managers of the resources have traditionally considered economic factors in regulating fishing. An example of this is the limitation of oystering to cold weather when the oysters are considered to be better tasting and bring a better price in the marketplace. There is currently no clear indication that regulation on the basis of economic factors is desirable or even legitimate.

6. G.S. 113-202 - As indicated, the Department and the MFC will be submitting extensive recommendations in this area. There is a very fundamental problem with the current statute in that it seems to be based on the philosophy that all areas should be leased if they do not currently have natural oyster or clam beds on them. This philosophy does not recognize the other competing interest in public waters and submerged lands which now exist due to a more intensive use of these areas. The procedures for oyster and clam leasing are also largely outdated and could be substantially streamlined.

7. G.S. 113-221(a) - A very technical problem has arisen in a couple of instances in which defense attorneys have argued that the copies of regulations filed with the Clerks of Superior Court must be certified by the method specified in G.S. 113-221(h). I personally don't believe the argument has any merit but it has caused problems. This could be remedied by a sentence in subsection (a) which states that copies need not be certified, or by deleting the filing requirement altogether.

8. G.S. 133-134 and G.S. 133-221(3) - I mentioned these two provisions in my remarks to the Committee as being highly desirable. They are the envy of other coastal states and provide the professional fisheries managers with the flexibility necessary to effectively manage the highly complex and rapidly changing situations involved in marine fisheries.

I trust that you will distribute this to the members of the Study Commission if you feel that they would benefit from it. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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cc: Connell Purvis
Anne Griffith

February 2, 1982

At the last meeting of the Marine Fisheries Study Commission, the Chairmen directed that a copy of Bill Raney's comments and recommendations from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development on the Marine Fisheries Licensing package be mailed to Commission members and Fisheries Associations for review well in advance of the next meeting. That package of information is attached for your review. If you have questions please call either Chairman or myself at 733-4910.

Sincerely,

Fred Aikens

Attachment

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EXPLANATION: Revision to the current fee [illegible] rate resulting from final legislative action [illegible] by the Marine Fisheries Commission.

NOTE: [illegible] no way does this proposal affect [illegible] gather [illegible]

[illegible]

Current Fees

Category	Fee
-Vessel	
Any vessel without a motor	$ [illegible]
16' and less	3.00
16'-26'	[illegible]
26' and over	[illegible]
-Individual shellfish license	1.00
-Dealer licenses	
Dealing in shellfish	
Shucker-packer	25.00
Shellstock shipper	10.00
Dealing in hard and soft crabs	
Processing crabs	10.00
Unprocessed crabs	5.00
Dealing in shrimp	10.00
Dealing in finfish	10.00
-Seafood Tax	
Oysters	.07 lb
Clams	.05¢/lb
Scallops	.05¢/lb
Soft crabs	.2¢/lb
Hard crabs	.1¢/lb
Shrimp, green, heads off	.1¢/lb
Shrimp, green, heads on	.1¢/lb

Category	Fee
-Vessel (commercial fishing)	$ 2.00/ft.
[illegible]	100.00
-Gear license	15.00
-Individual [illegible]	10.00
-Dealer licenses	
Dealing in oysters	
Shucker-packer	100.00
Shellstock shipper	50.00
Dealing in clams	
Shucker-packer	100.00
Shellstock shipper	50.00
Dealing in scallops	
Shucker-packer	100.00
Shellstock shipper	50.00
Dealing in hard and soft crabs	
Processing crabs	100.00
Unprocessed crabs	50.00
Dealing in shrimp	
Processing shrimp	100.00
Unprocessed shrimp	50.00
Dealing in finfish	
Processing finfish	100.00
Unprocessed finfish	50.00
-Eliminate seafood tax	
-Oyster fishing [illegible]	.05¢/ linear foot

[illegible]

ASSUMPTION - 40% of 6'10" boats will be commercial, 60% of 6'10" boats will be recreational, and 50% of boats over 6'10" [illegible] commercial. Boats with [illegible] need a [illegible] boats [illegible] and [illegible] boats [illegible] and recreational will have to be included in this fee [illegible]

Note: "Assistant receipts" include [illegible] vessel license, dealer license, oyster and clam [illegible] license applied cost. Have not [illegible] from [illegible] fees or [illegible] boats receipts are not included in calculations

Anticipated Fees & Receipts for best estimate of [illegible]

Length	Commercial	Recreational	Total
0 - 16' (15' average)	6,240	12,360	18,600
16 - 26' (21' average)	2,640	1,260	3,900
26' + (41' average)	2,160	1,440	3,600
	11,040 (210,320 ft)	15,060 (210,840 ft)	26,100 (420,160 ft)

Commercial License
(22 C.F.R. [illegible] 20¢/ft)

Resident boats	$ [illegible]
Resident license to sell	1,[illegible]
Non-resident boats (16)	[illegible]
Non-resident license to sell (16)	[illegible]
Resident menhaden, 12.0¢/ton	[illegible]
Non-resident menhaden, $2.50/ton	2,[illegible]
Shellfish license, $10.50/person	[illegible]
Gear rates, $0.5¢/linear foot	130,[illegible]
Charter and head boats	16,[illegible]
Dealers licenses	10,[illegible]
	[illegible]
Anticipated commercial receipts	3,[illegible]

Recreational License
($10.00/[illegible] boat)

[illegible] boats, [illegible]	435,000
[illegible]	260,100
Anticipated receipts	695,100

Anticipated commercial receipts	1985	3,[illegible]
Anticipated recreational receipts	1985	[illegible]
Total anticipated receipts		2,[illegible]
Less present receipts		[illegible]
Total new receipts		2,[illegible]
-5% [illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		
1.[illegible] new receipts		
50% initial [illegible]		2,[illegible]
Total new receipts		
20% initial [illegible]		[illegible]
Percent contributed by recreational boats which have 50% of total [illegible] (based on anticipated receipts)		26%

The proposal [illegible] submitted by the [illegible] years' preparation [illegible] Department [illegible] since the last [illegible]

This proposal [illegible] more important, it [illegible] North Carolina Fisheries Association, the Board [illegible] Association, the [illegible] individual fishermen [illegible] enforcement; they are [illegible] Fisheries Commission [illegible] they are demanding [illegible] commercial fisheries are [illegible] recreational fisheries. [illegible] on the fishing ground [illegible] what is going on and can provide solid information and impartial guidance for use of the resources.

Looking at the other South Atlantic states, we find North Carolina to have the simplest, least expensive license system for using commercial fishing gear. The license system in our neighboring states, Virginia and South Carolina, are complicated and a burden on fishermen.

Fishermen are willing to pay higher license fees to get these improved services. And they are smart enough to know they are not going to get 1960 services with a 1960 funding base.

The proposal is obviously a revenue generating proposal. But it is definitely not a tax, it is a user pay concept. The revenue would come strictly from those who use the resource and those who are demanding adequate services from Marine Fisheries.

Seafood dealers are the only ones that presently pay seafood taxes (only on shellfish, crabs, and shrimp. Other seafood is not taxed). They support elimination of seafood taxes and increased dealers licen[illegible] fees. Elimination of seafood tax would also improve collection of catch data while eliminating costs associated with collection of such taxes.

The proposal in no way affects hook and line fishermen; no licenses were required and none are included now.

A comparison with other states is as follows. If a person has a boat under 18 feet and use it for crab pulling, clamming, oystering, gill netting, and trawling, he would pay the following fees. If he has a 60 foot boat and uses it for the same activities, he would pay the following fees.

	18 foot boat	60 foot boat
North Carolina	$4.00	$66.00
South Carolina	$150.00	$141.00
Georgia	$61.00	$61.00
Florida	$46.00	$116.00
Virginia	$295.00	$295.00

A survey of coastal resident commercial fishing license costs for a 17-foot boat (one person) to harvest shellfish only by all methods in 14 coastal states from Rhode Island to Texas resulted in a low of $4.00 for North Carolina to a high of $430.00 in Louisiana, with an average cost of $97.00.

More than 25,000 boats were licensed in 1980 to use commercial fishing gear, of which about 20,000 were under 18 feet length. About 53 percent were used recreationally, 15 percent full-time commercial, and 32 percent part-time commercial. For comparison, only 8,446 boats were licensed in 1960.

Low Option - Proposes a boat license fee of $1.00 per foot for commercial and recreational fishermen, a $50.00 license to sell for at least one individual in a commercial operation, and a $5.00 sportsman license for at least one individual in a non-commercial operation. A shellfish (oyster, clam, and scallop) license of $10.50 per person is also proposed. With an expected significant initial decrease in total boat license sales, total new receipts would be about $801,249. (See attached information for breakdown.)

Medium Option - Same as low option except a boat license fee of $2.00 per foot for commercial and recreational fishermen, a $100.00 commercial license to sell, and a $15.00 sportsman license. Total new receipts with 20 percent initial loss would be about $1,799,009. (See attached information for breakdown.)

High Option - Same as low option except a boat license fee of $3.00 per foot for commercial and recreational fishermen, a $150.00 license to sell, and a $25.00 sportsman license. Total new receipts with 20 percent initial loss would be about $2,416,769.00. (See attached information for breakdown.)

DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES LICENSE FEES - PROPOSED OPTION

PRESENT SCHEDULE

Category	Fee
-Vessel	
Any vessel without a motor	$ 1.00
18' and less	3.00
18'-26'	.50/ft
25' and over	.75/ft
-Individual Shellfish license	1.00
-Dealer licenses	
Dealing in shellfish	
Shucker-packer	25.00
Shellstock shipper	10.00
Dealing in hard and soft crabs	
Processing crabs	10.00
Unprocessed crabs	5.00
Dealing in shrimp	10.00
Dealing in finfish	10.00
-Seafood Tax	
Oysters	$ .08/bu.
Clams	.06/bu.
Scallops	.05/gal.
Soft crabs	.02/doz.
Hard crabs	.10/100 lb.
Shrimp, green, heads off	.15/100 lb.
Shrimp, green, heads on	.10/100 lb.

PROPOSED CHANGES

-In no way does this proposed change affect recreational hook-and-line fishermen nor does it affect those people who gather small amounts of shellfish for personal consumption.

Category	Fee		
	Low	Medium	High
-Vessel (commercial & sport)	$ 1.00	$ 2.00	$ 3.00
-Commercial license	50.00	100.00	150.00
-Sport license	5.00	15.00	25.00
-Individual Shellfish license		10.50	
-Dealer licenses			
Dealing in oysters			
Shucker-packer		100.00	
Shellstock shipper		50.00	
Dealing in clams			
Shucker-packer		100.00	
Shellstock shipper		50.00	
Dealing in scallops			
Shucker-packer		100.00	
Shellstock shipper		50.00	
Dealing in hard and soft crabs			
Processing crabs		100.00	
Unprocessed crabs		50.00	
Dealing in shrimp			
Processing shrimp		100.00	
Unprocessed shrimp		50.00	
Dealing in finfish			
Processing finfish		100.00	
Unprocessed finfish		50.00	

-Eliminate seafood tax

LICENSE PACKAGE
EXPECTED REVENUES GENERATED
BY OPTIONS

ASSUMPTION - 40% of 0-18' boats will be commercial, 60% of 18-26' boats will be commercial, and 90% of boats over 26' will be commercial. Boats without motors, that do not now need a license, have been divided between the 18' and 18-26' groups. Non-resident and menhaden vessels are not included in this assumption.

Number boats - based on best estimate of 1980 data.

Length	Commercial	Recreational	Total
0 - 18' (15' average)	8,200	12,300	20,500
18-26' (21' average)	2,040	1,360	3,400
26' + (41' average)	1,080	120	1,200
Totals	11,320 (210,120 ft)	13,780 (217,980 ft)	25,100 (428,100 ft)

Commercial License	Low Option ($1.00/ft) ($50.00/sell)	Medium Option ($2.00/ft) ($100.00/sell)	High Option ($3.00/ft) ($150.00/sell)
Resident boats	$ 210,120	$ 420,240	$ 630,360
Resident license to sell	566,000	1,132,000	1,698,000
Non-resident boats (x3)	4,050	8,100	12,150
Non-resident license to sell (x3)	2,250	4,500	6,750
Resident menhaden, $2.00/ton	7,046	7,046	7,046
Non-resident menhaden, $2.50/ton	28,028	28,028	28,028
Shellfish license, $10.50/person	135,293	135,293	135,293
Ocean piers, $0.50/ft.	16,300	16,300	16,300
Charter and head boats	9,000	18,000	27,000
Dealers license	69,650	69,650	69,650
Anticipated Receipts (Commercial)	1,047,737	1,839,157	2,630,577
Recreational License	($1.00/ft.,$5.00 lic)	($2.00/ft-$15.00 lic)	($3.00/ft-$25 lic.)
13,780 boats (217,980 ft)	217,980	435,960	653,940
13,780 sportsman licenses	68,900	206,700	344,500
Anticipated Receipts (Recreational)	286,880	642,660	998,440
Total anticipated receipts	1,334,617	2,481,817	3,629,017
Less present receipts	233,056	233,056	233,056
Total new receipts no initial loss	1,101,561	2,248,761	3,395,961
Total new receipts- 10% initial loss	991,405	2,023,885	3,056,365
Total new receipts - 20% initial loss	881,249	1,799,009	2,716,769
% contributed by recreational boats which have 55% of total number (based on anticipated receipts)	21%	26%	28%

[1] "Present receipts" include: Seafood tax, vessel license, dealer license, oyster and clam license. License agents costs have not been deducted from anticipated revenue. Shellfish lease receipts are not included in calculations.

County	Pounds	Rank	Dockside Value	Rank	Commercial Vessel Licenses	Rank	Full-time Vessels	Rank	Part-time Vessels	Rank	Pleasure Vessels	Rank
Beaufort	6,867,847	5	$ 2,732,881	8	1,116	6	187	8	405	8	524	6
Bertie	1,507,313	10	120,242	14	54	19	18	16	8	19	28	18
Brunswick	3,086,362	9	3,712,213	5	1,933	4	310	4	689	4	934	4
Carteret	48,189,251	1	18,717,091	1	4,033	1	1,210	1	1,560	1	1,263	2
Chowan	5,837,755	6	527,714	10	217	14	89	10	97	13	31	16
Craven	208,231	17	43,747	17	1,713	5	123	9	420	7	1,170	3
Currituck	486,546	15	125,989	13	339	11	81	11	168	10	90	12
Dare	41,585,141	2	13,731,151	2	992	7	439	2	454	5	99	11
Hertford	1,043,838	12	73,353	16	56	18	8	17	19	18	29	17
Hyde	13,055,884	4	4,181,970	4	415	10	201	7	145	11	69	13
Martin	178,517	18	37,576	18	259	13	-	19	51	16	203	9
New Hanover	3,142,795	8	2,770,507	7	2,692	2	201	6	1,178	2	1,313	1
Onslow	4,592,454	7	3,385,907	6	1,969	3	322	3	917	3	730	5
Pamlico	21,330,720	3	9,736,730	3	928	8	295	5	195	9	438	7
Pasquotank	344,835	16	186,826	12	187	15	35	14	105	12	46	14
Pender	1,145,164	11	961,309	9	893	9	52	13	420	6	421	8
Perquimans	149,356	19	16,422	19	95	17	15	18	42	17	39	15
Tyrrell	976,122	13	228,303	11	113	16	58	12	53	15	2	19
Washington	631,855	14	100,150	15	263	12	34	15	68	14	161	10
County Subtotal	153,804,566		61,389,793		18,268		3,673		6,995		7,595	
(1)Menhaden Landings	202,388,240		7,393,717									
(2)State Total	356,192,806		$68,783,510		25,236		3,792		8,162		13,232	

(1) Landings of menhaden and thread herring are not included in the Brunswick and Cartert County landings in order not to reveal private enterprise.

(2) Out-of-state licenses were 54 full-time, 6 part-time and 7 pleasure. These are not included in the State total.

North Carolina 1980 Licensed Commercial Fishing Vessels for the Coastal Counties by size Category and Vessel Use.

COUNTY	USE	0-18	19-20	21-25	26-35	35-50	51-60	61-70	71+	TOTAL
Northern District										
Beaufort	Full Time	67	17	21	26	21	10	8	17	187
	Part Time	310	36	38	17	2	1	-	1	405
	Pleasure	467	35	21	1	-	-	-	-	524
	Total	844	88	80	44	23	11	8	18	1,116
Hertie	Full Time	14	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	18
	Part Time	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
	Pleasure	27	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
	Total	49	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	54
Howan	Full Time	51	11	25	1	1	-	-	-	89
	Part Time	81	4	12	-	-	-	-	-	97
	Pleasure	30	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
	Total	162	16	37	1	1	-	-	-	217
Currituck	Full Time	43	12	18	2	3	-	-	3	81
	Part Time	146	14	7	1	-	-	-	-	168
	Pleasure	84	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	90
	Total	273	28	28	4	3	-	-	3	339
Dare	Full Time	160	55	110	58	24	5	7	20	439
	Part Time	270	71	77	21	15	-	-	-	454
	Pleasure	82	9	7	-	1	-	-	-	99
	Total	512	135	194	79	40	5	7	20	992

COUNTY	USE	0-18	19-20	21-25	26-35	36-50	51-60	61-70	71+	
Northern District										
Hyde	Full Time	83	23	31	31	23	2	3	5	201
	Part Time	74	33	21	17	3	-	-	-	148
	Pleasure	56	5	4	3	1	-	-	-	69
	Total	213	61	56	51	27	2	3	5	418
Martin	Full Time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Part Time	49	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	51
	Pleasure	204	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	208
	Total	253	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	259
Pasquotank	Full Time	26	1	3	1	1	1	-	2	35
	Part Time	99	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	106
	Pleasure	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
	Total	171	4	5	3	1	1	-	2	187
Perquimans	Full Time	12	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	15
	Part Time	41	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	42
	Pleasure	38	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	39
	Total	91	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	96
Tyrrell	Full Time	49	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	58
	Part Time	51	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	53
	Pleasure	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Total	101	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	113
Washington	Full Time	23	2	6	3	-	-	-	-	34
	Part Time	55	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	68
	Pleasure	154	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	161
	Total	233	11	16	3	-	-	-	-	263
Northern District Total		2,902	360	426	186	95	19	18	48	4,054

COUNTY	USE	0-18	19-20	21-25	26-35	36-50	51-60	61-70	71+	
Southern District										
Enslow	Full Time	199	20	39	10	37	11	4	2	322
	Part Time	824	49	24	13	6	-	1	-	917
	Pleasure	681	24	18	6	-	1	-	-	730
	Total	1,704	93	81	29	43	12	5	2	1,969
Bender	Full Time	37	-	6	3	3	1	1	1	52
	Part Time	392	15	10	2	1	-	-	-	420
	Pleasure	412	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	421
	Total	841	17	23	5	4	1	1	1	891
Southern District Total		6,639	324	224	93	142	37	16	12	7,48
State Total		14,408	1,206	1,356	583	396	86	64	122	18,22

COUNTY	USE	- 6-18	19-20	21-25	26-35	36-50	51-60	61-70	71+	
Central District										
Carteret	Full Time	514	128	303	130	91	15	10	25	1,216
	Part Time	1,197	113	172	63	14	-	-	1	1,560
	Pleasure	1,130	75	49	7	1	-	-	1	1,263
	Total	2,841	316	524	200	106	15	10	27	4,039
Craven	Full Time	43	19	18	26	6	4	4	3	123
	Part Time	321	41	37	16	4	1	-	-	420
	Pleasure	1,068	64	33	3	2	-	-	-	1,170
	Total	1,432	124	88	45	12	5	4	3	1,713
Pamlico	Full Time	87	35	43	41	35	8	16	31	295
	Part Time	135	19	28	9	2	1	1	-	195
	Pleasure	372	28	23	9	4	1	-	-	438
	Total	594	82	94	59	41	10	16	32	928
Central District Total		4,867	522	706	304	159	30	30	62	6,680
Southern District										
Brunswick	Full Time	208	11	9	15	34	19	6	5	317
	Part Time	613	35	21	7	11	-	-	-	687
	Pleasure	891	27	11	3	2	-	-	-	934
	Total	1,712	74	41	25	47	19	9	5	1,938
New Hanover	Full Time	107	21	17	14	34	4	1	3	201
	Part Time	1,035	69	44	18	11	1	-	-	1,178
	Pleasure	1,240	50	18	1	3	-	-	1	1,313
	Total	2,382	140	79	33	48	5	1	4	2,692

COUNTY	COMMERCIAL FULL-TIME	COMMERCIAL PART-TIME	PLEASURE	TOTAL
ALAMANCE	4	5	40	49
ALEXANDER	-	1	2	3
ANSON	-	2	11	13
ASHE	-	-	3	3
AVERY	-	-	1	1
BEAUFORT	187	405	524	1,116
BERTIE	18	8	28	54
BLADEN	3	57	245	305
BRUNSWICK	310	689	934	1,933
BUNCOMBE	-	2	-	2
BURKE	1	2	2	5
CABARRUS	-	7	15	22
CALDWELL	-	4	-	4
CAMDEN	3	27	41	71
CARTERET	1,216	1,560	1,263	4,039
CASWELL	-	-	1	1
CATAWBA	-	3	8	11
CHATHAM	1	7	12	20
CHOWAN	09	97	31	217
CLAY	-	2	-	2
CLEVELAND	-	3	8	11
COLUMBUS	10	113	541	664
CRAVEN	123	420	1,170	1,713
CUMBERLAND	5	44	345	394
CURRITUCK	81	168	90	339
DARE	439	454	99	992
DAVIDSON	1	12	37	50
DAVIE	-	1	3	4
DUPLIN	3	51	224	278
DURHAM	2	35	147	184
EDGECOMBE	7	30	151	196
FORSYTH	1	17	63	81
FRANKLIN	1	5	10	16
GASTON	-	6	12	18
GATES	-	8	31	39
GRAHAM	-	-	3	3
GRANVILLE	-	2	7	9
GREENE	-	4	92	96
GUILFORD	3	36	91	130
HALIFAX	2	21	37	60
HARNETT	17	29	132	178
HERTFORD	8	19	29	56
HOKE	-	3	23	26
HYDE	201	148	69	418
IREDELL	-	1	6	7
JACKSON	-	-	1	1
JOHNSTON	6	49	315	370
JONES	1	19	88	108
LEE	-	7	36	43
LENOIR	2	40	486	528
LINCOLN	-	-	4	4
MADISON	-	1	1	2
MARTIN	-	51	208	259
MCDOWELL	-	-	2	2
MECKLENBURG	-	16	60	76
MONTGOMERY	-	-	12	12
MOORE	2	11	34	47
NASH	2	39	100	141
NEW HANOVER	201	1,178	1,313	2,692
NORTH HAMPTON	-	1	9	10
ONSLOW	322	917	730	1,969
ORANGE	1	5	24	30
PAMLICO	295	195	438	928
PASQUOTANK	35	106	46	187
PENDER	52	420	421	893
PERQUIMANS	15	42	39	96
PERSON	-	1	6	7
PITT	7	121	501	629
RANDOLPH	1	8	32	41
RICHMOND	-	2	34	36
ROBESON	3	41	333	377
ROCKINGHAM	1	3	17	21
ROWAN	-	3	19	22
RUTHERFORD	-	-	2	2
SAMPSON	1	23	165	189
SCOTLAND	-	5	60	65
STANLEY	1	1	10	12
STOKES	-	1	-	1
SURRY	-	-	2	2
TYRRELL	50	53	7	110
UNION	-	6	13	19
VANCE	-	6	13	19
WAKE	12	142	539	693
WASHINGTON	34	68	161	263
WATAUGA	-	1	2	3
WAYNE	1	22	207	230
WILKES	1	-	-	1
WILSON	1	42	215	258
YADKIN	-	-	1	1
YANCEY	1	-	-	1
OUT OF STATE	54	6	7	67
TOTAL	3,040	8,168	13,789	25,101

License Sales
Vessel - Oyster & Clam

	O & C	M	X	C	B-1	N/R	B	TOTAL
1966		51	789	6,040	893		673	8,446
1967		54	732	5,971	902		692	8,351
1968		50	740	6,516	1,045		703	9,054
1969		46	675	7,264	1,137		819	9,941
1970		43	610	7,821	1,189		832	10,495
1971		40	566	8,498	1,276		840	11,220
1972	3,634	25	539	9,524	1,367		861	12,316
1973	4,421	35	587	11,916	1,593		953	15,084
1974	8,337 *	36	534	13,212	1,909		1,010	16,701
1975	6,196	35	583	15,627	2,043		991	19,279
1976	7,198	41	653	17,360	2,374		1,063	21,491
1977	7,286	42	648	18,398	2,611		1,112	22,811
1978	9,417	40	702	17,860	2,533		1,108	22,243
1979	10,695	31	648	18,799	3,220	31	963	23,692
1980	12,910	31	705	19,963	3,377	63	1,195	25,334

CODE: O & C = Oyster & Clam License @ $1.00 each
M = Menhaden Vessel: Resident @ $1.60 per gross ton
Non-Resident @ $1.60 per gross ton plus $200.00
X = Vessels without motors, any length @ $1.00 each
C = Vessels with motors up to 18' @ $3.00 each
B-1 = Vessels with motors 18' - 26' @ 50¢ per foot
B = Vessels with motors over 26' @ 75¢ per foot
N/R = Non-resident vessel, any length $200.00
* = oversold by about 3,000 due to confusion on application

NOTE: All figures include duplicate licenses.

Anticipated Uses of Revenues Generated by a Revised License Package

These programs, as proposed by the Law Enforcement, Fisheries Management, Fisheries Services and Administrative Sections are bound by one single concept; that is, to support and upgrade all ongoing programs before attempting new initiatives. The accomplishment of the proposed programs will solidify the position of the Division of Marine Fisheries as one of the most innovative marine resource management agencies in the country.

Law Enforcement

Efforts will be directed to upgrading and improving the capabilities of the Law Enforcement Section. Two larger boats will be replaced, one airplane will be replaced, and four new officers will be added to assist in increasing response capabilities. Much old equipment will be replaced or upgraded.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: $464,992

Continued efforts to increase capabilities of the Section to enforce new package. Two more large boats will be replaced, the second airplane will be replaced, five new officers will assume duties in the field and on new vessels, continued upgrading of equipment and funds will be utilized to operate all new equipment from previous year.

1984-1985 - TOTAL: $631,804

Fisheries Management

Emphasis will be placed on strengthening support for field level work on finfish stock assessment, shellfish management and statistics. An estuarine research vessel will be acquired for use in the large, open sounds and near shore ocean waters. An additional shellfish relocator will be constructed to increase utilization of polluted shellfish stocks. Computer capability will be upgraded to better handle license, lease and assessment data. Gathering of data on the multimillion dollar recreational fishery will begin. Planning will begin for a shellfish hatchery, and discussions will begin to acquire the Edenton National Fish Hatchery in cooperation with the Wildlife Resources Commission.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: $1,014,200

An automated salinity-temperature monitoring system will be acquired in order to collect vital environmental data influencing abundance of important species, such as shrimp. A shellfish hatchery will be constructed and begin operation to enhance stocks of clams

and bay scallops. A finfish hatchery will produce striped bass for stocking in coastal and inland waters in cooperation with the Wildlife Resources Commission. Additional staff upgrading will improve the quality of data analysis and management decisions.

1984-1985 - TOTAL: $1,484,100

Administration Section

All funds will be directed to improving productivity in the Morehead City Office and maintenance facility. Information and education program will broaden efforts in schools and to commercial and recreational fishing public.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: $177,900

Continued upgrading of maintenance facility and staff support in Morehead City. I&E group prepares more intensive programs for fishing public.

1984-1985 - TOTAL: $173,600

Recreational Fisheries Program

All funds will be used to maintain two tire unit fabrication sites in Craven and New Hanover counties, to develop recreational statistics program, and to properly monitor fish populations and catch on inshore and offshore reefs. These programs will be essentially the same each year.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: $311,780
1984-1985 - TOTAL: $285,260

Seafood Marketing Program

The basic function of a seafood marketing program will be of linking supply with demand. Initial emphasis will be put within the state. The program will also consider inspection programs to improve the quality of seafood and the certificatio of seafood for export. Most past efforts have failed because there was not adequat input from the industry on what the needs were in marketing.

1983-1984 - TOTAL: $100,000
1984-1985 - TOTAL: $100,000

NORTH CAROLINA COURTS COMMISSION
STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27611

H. PARKS HELMS, CHAIRMAN
CHARLOTTE

June 3, 1982

Lieutenant Governor James C. Green
President of the North Carolina State Senate

The Honorable Liston B. Ramsey
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Lt. Governor Green and Speaker Ramsey:

I am pleased to attach an interim report of the North Carolina Courts Commission consisting of four legislative proposals for consideration during the June 2, 1982 Session. The proposals include the following:

1. An Act to amend the procedure for granting exemptions from money judgments.

2. An Act to provide for annual jury lists.

3. An Act to make technical corrections to G.S. Chapter 7A.

4. An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the District Court.

These bills represent a great deal of effort on the part of Commission members over the last six months and we believe that they are for the most part important but non-controversial measures that should be handled during this short session.

I would like to express my appreciation to the members of the Courts Commission and the Courts Commission staff for the hard work that has gone into this report. A complete report representing the results of our continuing studies will be presented for consideration during the 1983 Session.

Yours very truly,

H. Parks Helms

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Attachments